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HAZNERS, Vilis Arveds

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RI registry 51-2-4-1085 contains an official dispatch from Chief, WE, to Chief of Mission, [ ] with the information that one Vilis HAZNERS, not further identified, is a member of the Committee for Free Latvia, is now located in Germany, and is in a position to obtain information from individuals returning from behind the Iron Curtain.

RI file [ ] on Subject contains the following biographical data:

HAZNERS, Vilis Arveds

Date and place of birth: 23 July 1905 in Wueruan, District Mitau, Latvia.

Occupation: Officer  
Waffen-ss entry: 20 May 1943  
Waffen-ss ranks: Waffen-Hauptsturmfuehrer 28 May 1943  
Waffen-Sturmabfuhrer 21 June 1944  
Waffen-ss unit: ss Grenadiardivision ss (Lettsche M. 1) 20 May 1943; Regimentsadjutant, Batl., Kommandeur detailed to: ss-Panzergrenadier Ausbildungs- und Ersatz-batl. 10 from 16 September to 29 September 1944. 23. Btl. Fuehrerlehrgang from 30 September to 5 November 1944.

[Subject was in the Latvian Army from 13 November 1926 to 18 September 1940.] He attended Latvian War College from 1 October 1929 to 1 September 1931. He attended Latvian War Academy from 13 March 1937 to 29 December 1939. [At outbreak of war between Germany and Russia, he was imprisoned by the Russian NKVD on 22 June 1941 but escaped on 30 June 1941.] July 1941 Subject led Latvian Partisans in the fight against Russia. /From 10 July to 10 October 1941 he was with the Schutzmannschaft in Riga. He was appointed "Kreis-Chief" of the District Abrennen from 10 October 1941 to 20 May 1943. On 20 May 1943 HAZNERS joined the "Lettsche ss Freiwilligen division." His name was mentioned in the "Ehrenblatt" of the German Army on 15 August 1944 for bravery in action. He has the War Merit Cross 2nd Class with swords.

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